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ALDO LEOPOLD CHARTER SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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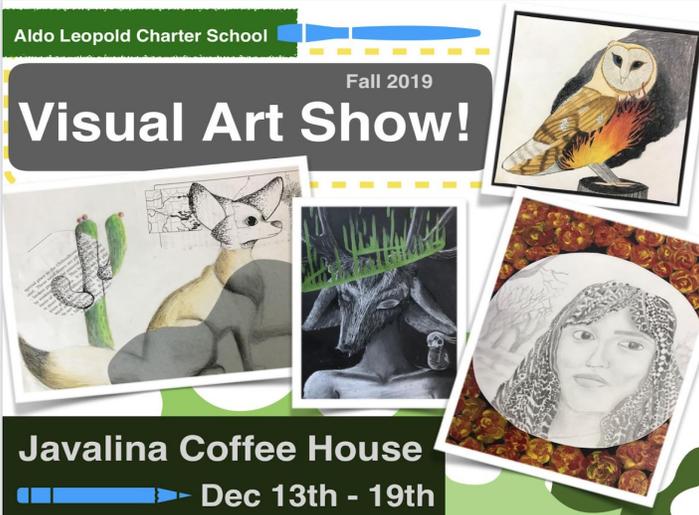
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Fall 2019

Visual Art Show!



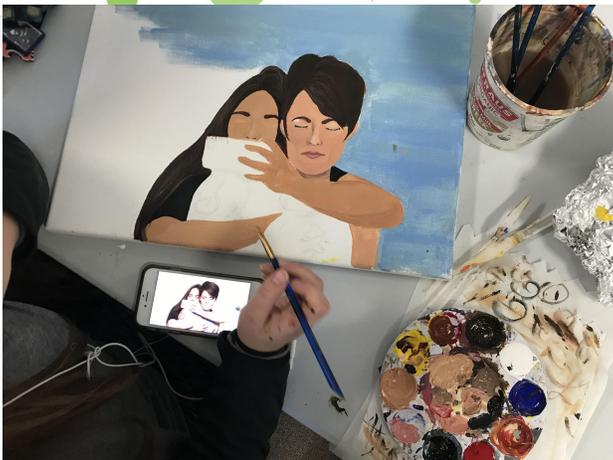
Javalina Coffee House

Dec 13th - 19th

Please join us for opening night, Friday Dec 13th @ 5:00 pm, to celebrate our students creative achievements!

More info? aphillips@aldocs.org

Follow us on Instagram @ [alcs_visual_art](https://www.instagram.com/alcs_visual_art)



Committees

Tue., Dec., 10.....4:30pm.....Risk management
Wed., Dec., 11.....4:30pm.....SHAC
Thu., Dec., 19.....5:30pm.....Governing Council
Thu., Jan., 9.....5:30pm.....Governing Council
Tue., Jan., 14.....4:30pm.....Risk Management

Calendar

Fri., Dec. 13.....HS & MS Art Show Opening, 5pm @ Javalina
Fri., Dec. 13.....Final day for internships
Fri., Dec. 13.....Charter Renewal Hearing in Santa Fe
Mon., Dec. 16 - 17.....MS Finals
Wed., Dec. 18 - 19.....HS Finals
Dec. 21 - Jan. 7.....Winter Break!
Mon., Jan. 6.....Staff In-Service, *No Students*
Tue., Jan. 7.....First day of the second semester
Fri., Jan. 17.....*Last Day* Internship Sign-up
Thu., Jan. 23 - 24.....Ski Trip

Lunch

12/13 Fri. < No Lunch

12/16 Mon. < Cheese or pepperoni Pizza, Antipasto Tray, Caesar Salad,
Fruit

12/17 Tue. < Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Peas, WG
Bread, Green Salad, Fruit

12/18 Wed. < Cheese Quesadillas, Black Beans, Chopped Veggie Salad,
Fruit

Talking about it



(l. to r.) Actors Mari, Logan, and Molly (10th), Toby (12th), Joseph, Sterling, Titus, and Daniella (11th) and up on the steps: Drew (9th).

The high school drama class put on the play “Bang, Bang, You’re Dead.” The play was directed by their teacher Scott Knight. Written by William Mastrasimone and first performed in 1999, the play is about a shooting at a school that results in the deaths of five students. Aldo students gave a powerful performance. When the play was over, those who wished to stay, participated in a debrief led by Sarah Guck, WNMU social work professor and Episcopalean pastor. Sarah asked questions of the actors, fielded questions and comments from the audience to help all understand and process what they just watched.

Gardens and ART

This Friday **the middle school** will be splitting up into two groups. One group (Ms. Chaney, Ms. Aversa, and Erik’s advisories) will be going to Javalina Coffeeshop to view the **Aldo Art Show**, making holiday cards for residents at our local senior citizen homes, and making clay figures that will be included in the art installation of the current artist in residence at WNMU Joao Galera. The advisories (Garrett’s, Jennifer’s, and Mr. Cantrell’s) will be going to the High School to work with the Garden Crew on a future garden design for **Aldo’s garden at WNMU**. They will be learning about water harvesting and soil building.

Wish us well!

A group of staff, students, and super-dedicated Governing Council members will be traveling to Santa Fe on Thursday afternoon for our Friday the 13th (this does not scare us *at all*) meeting with the **Public Education Commission** to speak on behalf of our school to answer the commission’s questions about the nitty gritty and nuts and bolts of our school. We have very high hopes that the PEC will see the essential benefit that Aldo has on our community and that they will see fit to **renew our charter**.



What are you going to do when you grow up?

The **Community Orientation class** will focus on future careers **this Friday**. They will hear from community members who are involved in agriculture, IT, the medical field, and small business ownership. This is the last official CO class of the semester. If a student needs to make up hours, they will know to come on Friday the

Minnie, Evangelica, Savannah, Aria, Noah, Cassidy, Phini, and Angie give it their all during tug-o-war during last week's Team Building themed CO class.

Learning deserves a big party

Ms. Aversa's 7th grade Language Arts and Social Studies classes will be having their first *Celebration of Learning* on **Wednesday, December 18 from 5:30-7 pm** in her classroom in the portables. Students will present their projects and share the books they've made. After all that, a Renaissance themed dinner will be served.

The end is near (middle school)

The semester is ending, the calendar year is ending, and the holidays are approaching. It's kind of crazy around here.

- Monday and Tuesday, December 16 and 17 = Finals
- Wednesday, December 18 = Friday Adventure-Art Show
- Thursday, December 19= Regular schedule-make up exams and class work
- Friday, December 20 = **Half day** - Noon dismissal

And then they will be all yours **until Tuesday, January 7, 2020**.

The end is near (high school)

Much has happened at the high school as the semester is ending: Internship Showcase (Wednesday, December 4 4:30-6:00), Junior trip to the Bosque, Drama Class performance. Next up are finals.... **High school finals will be on:**

- Wednesday December 18 (A, C, & E block classes)
- Thursday, December 19 (B, D, & F block classes).

No internships or YCC on Friday the 20th, *unless* ...you need hours or are not currently passing (oops!) If that is the case: sign up on Catalina's door for your chance to work on *Trail Crew!* Report to the school at **8:30 am on Friday the 20th**.

Nursing Notes

12.10.2019

In last week's Nursing Notes, I summarized some of WNMU Professor Dr. Jennifer Johnston's research about "Social & Mass Media Effects on the Development of Children & Adolescents." At the end of those notes, I promised to share some of Dr. Johnston's recommendations for parenting in this complicated mass-media age. It's worth remembering that, at our Aldo Parents Night, Dr. Johnston was in no way "telling people how to raise their kids," but she did offer these helpful suggestions:

- Ideally, children should have no screen time before the age of 2.
- Between 2 and 8 years, limit screen time to 60 minutes per day.
- When possible, "co-view"—that is, watch programs with your child.
- If your child has a tendency to be aggressive, avoid violent program content. On the other hand, if your child isn't typically aggressive, violent content will likely have few—if any—long-term effects.
- Follow Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) and Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) ratings—which Dr. Johnston puts her own spin on:
 - G = good
 - PG = pretty good
 - R = rotten
- Use Internet Service Provider (ISP) and device-specific blocks for computers your child uses.
- Share some of Dr. Johnston's data from last week with your teens. The more they know, the less they will be affected by social and mass media.

Save Mr. Cantrell!

So 10 minutes doesn't seem like a lot of time. You can brew coffee in 10 minutes. Get dressed in 10 minutes (or less if you are a middle school student). It takes 10 minutes to boil an egg to perfection. **10 minutes is the difference between when the middle school starts now and when it started last year.** We thought that wouldn't be a big deal, but it turns out that it is. The loss of this 10 minutes means that Mr. Cantrell can't get his copies made and check in with the "Building People". Many of us are rushing back from the bathroom to take attendance. Additionally, informal polling of students suggests that they and their parents are suffering from this loss of 10 minutes from their mornings. So....**beginning Monday, January 7, 2020** the middle school will **start at the civilized time of 8:30 am** and school will **end at 3:40**. Staff will be on campus from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We would like to hear from parents about this. Have we made your day with this change or do you want us to keep our 8:20 start time?

It is super busy around here

We at the Weekly Update appreciate our loyal readers. We know that you look to the Update for information about what is going on at your kid's school. During this *wicked* busy time of year, things like preparing students for final exams, making time to finish art projects for the end of the year art show, putting together the feasts, helping students find work they should've turned in two weeks ago, creating a gift exchange, and preparing for the charter renewal, make getting the Weekly Update posted to the website by Wednesday afternoon nearly impossible. If you are in need of information and the Update has not been posted, please call the school or email your child's teacher and your question will be answered.

[The Middle School tells you a little something](#)

And all were fed

Last Friday the middle school held its annual Great Feast/Work Party/Gratitude Circle. This year we went out to a farm on the Mimbres River. Once again we cooked everything in the Dutch ovens with Miss Bailey reaching way back to her Girl Scout days to keep the fire going. While food was being prepared, groups of students helped layer cardboard, straw, and mulch to create soil for next year's garden. After everyone was fed, dishes washed, and food put away, we circled up and anyone who wanted to share something they are grateful for. It really was a very sweet time.

